



NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the Department of Labor's (DOL) intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

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| Funding Announcement | 09-K105-RWBR-4143-WR001-000 |
| Project Title | Better Work Nicaragua |
| Recipient | International Labor Organization |
| Total Anticipated Award Amount | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Anticipated Length of Agreement | 4.5 years |
| Anticipated Period of Performance | From 9/30/2010 to 3/30/2015 |
| Award Instrument | Cooperative Agreement |

OVERVIEW

Cooperative Agreement TBD was entered into by and between DOL's, Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) and International Labor Organization (ILO) for the purpose of strengthening compliance with core labor standards in Nicaragua's textile export sector through monitoring, remediation, and third-party verification.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The ILO agrees to:

The overarching objective of the DOL-funded project is to strengthen compliance in Nicaragua and expand the Better Work model to additional countries, following appropriate scoping missions and needs assessments. The intermediate objectives of the program include:

- Conduct a labor compliance needs assessment in enterprises in export factories relative to internationally recognized worker rights;
- Develop and implement a transparent system of monitoring and public reporting on compliance with worker rights in export factories;



- Develop training resources for factory managers, workers, and inspectors to improve compliance with core labor standards and national labor law;
- Track the impact of improving labor standards, productivity, and quality.

SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

The Department of Labor ILAB did not solicit full and open competition for this award based on the following criteria:

DLMS-2, Chapter 800, Section 836g3, which provides that the recipient has unique qualifications to perform the type of activity to be funded.

In support of this authority, ILAB asserted, the ILO is the only organization that has the recognized authority and capacity to fulfill the intent of the Better Work Program. Better Work Nicaragua represents the ILO's contribution to an action plan for increasing labor law compliance in the textile exporting industry in countries under the United States-Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). The Procurement Review Board concurred that the ILO is the only responsible source.